

## Capitol Discovery Day Celebrates the Capitol Restoration Kick-Off

Don't miss your last chance to see the Utah State Capitol Building before it undergoes a four-year restoration! Capitol Discovery Day is free and open to the public. Come take part in history as Capitol Discovery Day celebrates the restoration kick-off on **Saturday, August 7**, from **Noon to 4:00 p.m.** The Utah State Capitol will officially close the Capitol for restoration on the evening of August 7.

Hosted by the Capitol Preservation Board and the Utah Heritage Foundation, Capitol Discovery Day will offer a variety of hands-on activities, tours, and presentations to engage everyone in the family. Members of the Capitol Preservation Board; Lt. Governor Gayle McKeachnie, Senate President Al Mansell, and Speaker of the House Marty Stephens will be on hand to greet attendees and share their enthusiasm for the Capitol restoration project. The event will also include a special activity to commemorate your participation in the restoration kick-off.

Capitol guides will lead special Saturday tours of the building on the hour at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00. Architects working on the restoration project will be stationed throughout the building to give you a behind-the-scenes preview of how the restoration will preserve the historic Capitol and create a safe, functional work environment. Lectures on a variety of aspects of the Capitol restoration will take place throughout the afternoon beginning at 12:30. In addition, experts in traditional building trades will be on hand to demonstrate their crafts.

Kids (and the young at heart) will enjoy trying architectural crafts reflecting the skills used to build the Capitol nearly 90 years ago, such as gold leafing, creating murals, and constructing a dome. Kids can also use their best detective skills to answer the questions on the Capitol Clues treasure hunt. Every child who completes the treasure hunt will win a small goody-bag of school supplies.

The event will take place in the rotunda of the Capitol Building. Although the west side of the Capitol is blocked for construction, there is plenty of free parking available on the east side of the building and on the streets around the Capitol.

Capitol Discovery Day is made possible by generous grants from the George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation and the Utah Care Foundation as well as funds from the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts, and Parks Program.

For more information about this event, please call the Capitol Preservation Board at 801-538-3074 or Utah Heritage Foundation 801-533-0858.